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Throughout the week prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and lower on mediums in all areas. The market tone was generally steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies range adequate to ample with smaller sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks were in balanced as many breakers work extended schedules following the holiday. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was fairly good. Removal prices were steady at 5 - 10.5 cents, mostly 5 - 6 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent lower for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to at times ample with the lighter weight eggs in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings mostly adequate. Floor stocks were in a more balanced position, rated adequate to occasionally fully adequate. Most breakers worked extended schedules to make up for the holiday. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-70	65-67
LARGE	61-69	63-66
MEDIUM	46-52	49-51
MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA		

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however mediums were trending slightly lower. The market tone was generally steady on the larger sizes. Demand into all channels ranged light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to readily available. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to fairly good demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-82	68-72
LARGE	62-76	67-71
MEDIUM	47-60	52-54
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

May 28, 2004

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.00	68.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	69.50	67.50	56.00
MIDWEST	65.00	63.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.50	65.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	68.29	66.06	56.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	06-01-04	05-25-04	05-27-03
Large	44-51	43-50	44-48
Medium	27-31	33-37	33-35

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JUNE 01, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	14.7	5.8	12.3	8.8 50.4
	Change	-0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-0.5 0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	39.6	10.4	22.9	31.1 130.4
	Change	0.4	3.1	-1.4	2.4	-0.5 3%
Large	Curr Wk	37.8	113.3	59.2	110.1	96.8 417.2
	Change	-12.0	8.7	7.1	9.6	-9.2 1%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.6	53.3	14.0	28.3	32.1 143.3
	Change	-2.6	5.7	-4.7	3.9	-2.0 0%
Small	Curr Wk	8.1	12.7	3.8	7.1	8.7 40.4
	Change	0.7	2.3	1.7	2.2	-5.1 5%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	28.7	8.8	15.4	5.7 63.2
	Change	-0.2	6.5	-1.1	3.7	0.0 16%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.8	41.6	20.5	36.4	23.9 143.2
	Change	1.6	-13.5	-8.7	4.6	0.7 -10%
Total	Curr Wk	122.1	303.9	122.5	232.5	207.1 988.1
Percent	Change	-9%	5%	-6%	13%	-7% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	988.1	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	267.0	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1255.1	2%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 29-May-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,270,374	29,043	12,976	6,965	3,293	4,358
PW	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
LY	1,085,855	27,488	9,555	5,427	2,293	3,751
% CHG PW	0	-3	9	4	9	5
% CHG LY	17	6	36	28	44	16
2004	25,261,627	598,138	243,258	135,101	56,846	87,368
2003	23,646,924	578,338	214,649	118,432	47,487	86,817
% CHG YTD	7	3	13	14	20	1

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.99	41.53	42.57
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.56	38.26	39.11

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	May 22 2004	May 29 2004	May 22 2004	May 29 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL	30,879	30,317	22,568	22,028
AR	32,157	31,991	*25,239	25,670
DE	3,871	3,935	5,286	5,454
FL	1,389	1,389	1,526	1,586
GA	33,121	33,203	*26,428	25,256
KY	*7,120	7,091	*5,700	5,962
LA	3,892	3,890	3,813	4,172
MD	8,990	9,008	4,937	5,380
MS	19,363	19,670	16,785	17,093
NC	18,488	18,406	15,161	15,545
OK	6,500	6,646	5,680	4,219
PA	*3,762	3,273	*2,768	2,782
SC	3,781	3,738	3,954	5,174
TX	15,274	15,374	12,876	13,135
VA	6,675	6,747	5,731	5,264
CA	*17,965	17,859	*15,816	15,556
19 State Total	*213,227	212,537	*174,268	174,276
Previous Year Total	211,168	210,125	172,110	170,346
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	102

*Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Jul-04 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 160.8 million head the previous week and to 160.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.44 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 27, 2004-JUN 02, 2004

Current Loads		54.00 Future Loads		50.25 Total Loads		104.25	
SE		NE		MW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	53.50	47.75	49.00	--	55.33	9.00
GNR W 4	30.00	32.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	67.00	68.00	--	--	2.00
GL W XL	--	62.64	59.25	62.00	55.57	59.90	31.75
GL W LG	--	61.59	55.50	57.33	53.67	60.19	34.75
GL W MD	46.00	--	44.83	46.67	36.50	39.53	18.00
GL W SM	34.75	36.25	32.33	34.33	--	--	7.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	125.00	128.00	1.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	48.00	4.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.00	48.50	26.00
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	46.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	31.86	--	--	--	30.00	36.25	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-May-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.5	25.3	-11	4
BOSTON	3.2	3.2	0	-14
CHICAGO	54.9	56.2	-2	-2
DETROIT	25.6	27.7	-8	15
KANSAS CITY	6.5	9.3	-30	91
LOS ANGELES	94.6	101.0	-6	18
NEW ORLEANS	6.2	6.4	-3	-48
NEW YORK	30.6	31.1	-2	-5
ST. LOUIS	15.9	16.9	-6	1
SAN FRANCISCO	19.9	18.8	6	-10
TOTAL	279.9	295.9	-5	4
4 WK MVG AVG	292.0			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-May-2004
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS			
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE	OLD		LIVE
				BANDED		
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
N EAST	793	-4	21.95	(A)	795	21.95
SATL	722	-6	32.88	(A)	724	32.88
N CENT	2,063	4	32.11	(A)	2,065	32.11
S CENT	500	8	21.14	(A)	502	21.14
WEST	342	-2	22.19	(A)	343	22.19
U.S. TOTAL	4,420(B)	1	28.41	9	4,429	28.41
TO-DATE						
2004	89,305(B)			150	89,455	
TO-DATE						
2003	95,997(B)			310	96,307	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:

this week 43,000; for the current year to date 919,000; for last year to date 1,318,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 29-May-2004

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	1,768	2,609	43	9	4,429
AVG WT	15.61	37.13	25.05	31.79	28.41
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,802	2,567	27	2	4,398
SAME WK YR AGO	1,702	2,254	56	9	4,021
AVG WT	15.95	36.60	25.67	33.17	27.70
TO-DATE/2004	36,134	52,252	919	150	89,455
TO-DATE/2003	37,705	56,974	1,318	310	96,307

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 29-May-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	161,220	1,403	1,382	2,785	472
AVG WT	5.25	3.41	8.01	5.69	6.78
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837	489
SAME WK YR AGO	141,722	1,369	1,217	2,586	363
AVG WT	5.16	3.70	8.03	5.74	6.52
TO-DATE/2004	3,247,678	27,670	26,920	54,590	9,655
TO-DATE/2003	3,182,786	35,509	27,926	63,435	8,867

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head or 0.9 which was 101% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Jun-04

	Current Week 06/05/04(1)	Previous Week 05/29/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	150,865(2)	162,401
LT HENS	1,150	1,480
HVY HENS	1,314	1,456
TOTAL	153,329	165,337

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jun-04 is 163.1 million head compared to 157.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.2 million head or 11.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 12-Jun-04 the estimated available is 164.1 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL 24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY 1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
15	160.4	162.6	99%	5.24
22	161.8	162.3	100%	5.20
29	163.2	162.3	101%	5.25
YEAR TO DATE	3287.2	3328.5	99%	
JUNE 5		163.1		
12		164.1		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 05/31/04-06/04/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	78.00-81.00		79.76	40	81.75	71
Los Angeles	83.00		83.00	65	85.24	129
New York	81.00-84.00		82.76	25	78.98	60

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	31-May-04	24-May-04	2-Jun-03
	81.84	0.07	81.77
NUMBER OF LOADS	595		61.36

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-70	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 06/01/04	3,471	196,039	50,785
AM 05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG	276	12581	9026
PCT CHG	9%	7%	22%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	23 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	686 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	657 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 31-May-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB.	9.25-10.25	9.67
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-12.75 CENTS/LB.	9.75-10.25	10.03

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 28-May-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REMOVAL COST

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	0-12	8.5-10.5
So. Central	Too Few To Report	
No. Central	5-10.5	5-6

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

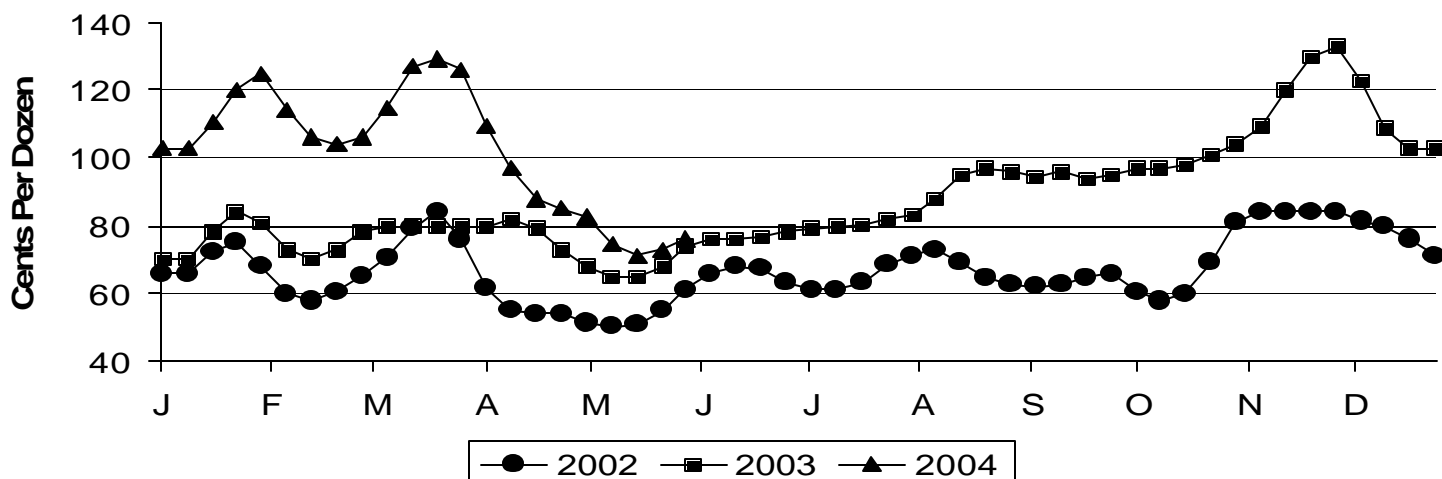
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS) W/E 29-May-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.2	3	9
E.N. CENTRAL	546.3	-3	2
W.N. CENTRAL	278.4	-4	-5
S. ATLANTIC	202.8	8	4
S. CENTRAL	68.0	7	-3
WEST	181.9	1	1
TOTAL	1502.6	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

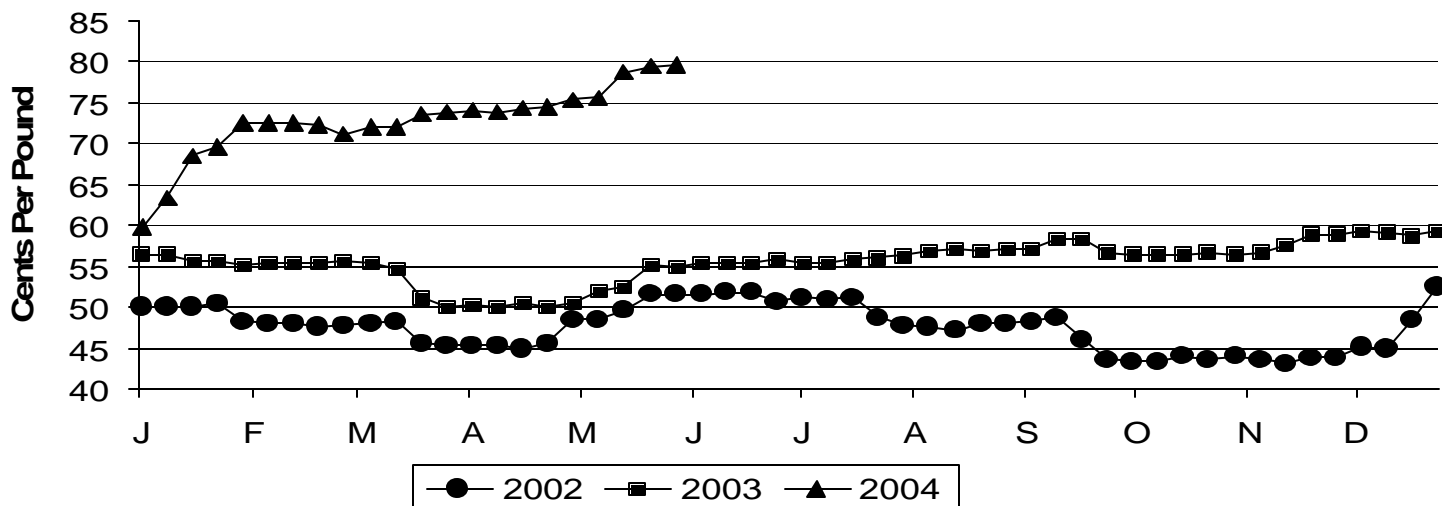
AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)
WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)
SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

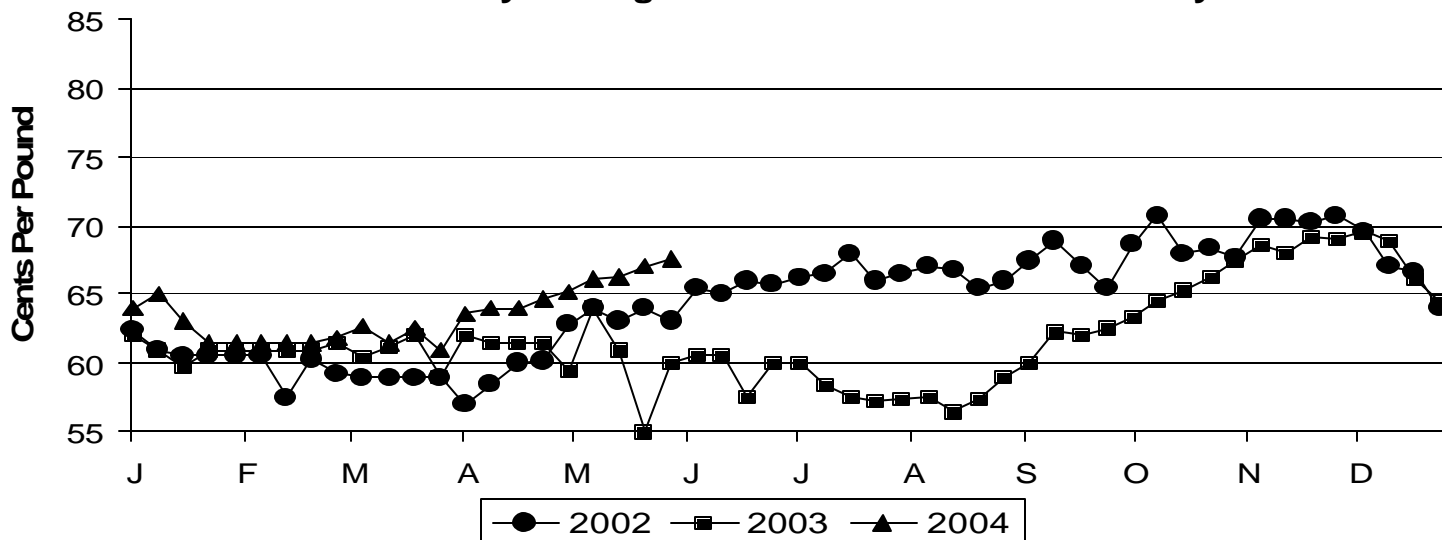
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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